SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Health and family Welfare.–

(a) 12-10-1980.

(b) Government was aware that it was out of use for some time.

(c) The X-Ray machine which was out of order has since been repaired on 10-3-1981 by International General Electric Company, Bangalore and it is now in use.

914 SRI F.S. PATIL (Kalghatgi).—Will the minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(a) the year in which the construction work of a bridge which was in complete in PWD road between mantur and Nagarahalli Villages of Hubli taluk, Dharwad District has been started ;

(b) the amount of expenditure incurred so far for construction work of this bridge ;

(c) the reasons for non-completion of this bridge so far?

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) The work of this bridge was started in the year 1973.

(b) Rs. 38,974-00.

(c) This work was completed in the month of May 1974.

Subsequently due to floods, the bunds were washed away. Now it is proposed to complete this work.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister for Finance).—Sir, on behalf of the Chief Minister, I beg to lay.–

Order No. HD 63 CNA 82 dated 20th March, 1982

Grant of exemption to the exhibition of 35 mm. films by the Chief Engineer and Administrator, New Mangalore port, Mangalore

as required under Section 22 of the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister for Finance).—Sir, I beg to lay.—

Notification No. FD 15 CPT 81 dated 5th January, 1982.

Karnataka Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments (Amendment Rules, 1981.

as required under Section 33 of the Karnataka Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 1976

SMT. NAGAMMA C. KESHAVAMURTY (Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education).—Sir, I beg to lay–

Annual Administration Report of the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board for the year 1980-81

as required under Section 25 (3) of the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (Karnataka Act 16 of 1966)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Papers laid.

We shall go to the next item on the agenda

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

i) *reg : Outbreak of fire at Bijapur*

SRI S.S. ARAKERI.—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Revenue regarding sudden outbreak of fire at Bijapur as a result of which there was huge loss of Rs. 60 lakhs.

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIAH (Minister for Co-operation).—Sir, on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Revenue, I wish to make the following statement.—

The Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur, has reported that accidental fire broke out due to short circuit of electricity on 10-3-1982 in Bijapur City at 1900 hours, as a result of which 38 shops have been damaged. The Deputy Commissioner and the Special Deputy Commissioner have visited the spot of accident immediately.

Fire was brought under control with the help of fire fighters requisitioned from the Town Municipal Council-Jamakhandi and Municipal Corporation-Sholapur and Bagalkot.

The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has conducted a detailed enquiry into the accident and estimated the loss suffered by the victims of the accident. The loss sustained by the victims is estimated at Rs. 15.81 lakhs.

An amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner for providing gratuitous relief to the victims. Adequate funds will be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner to render relief according to requirements,

It is reported by the Deputy Commissioner that he has disbursed a cash relief of Rs. 2,000 to each of the victims.

The Deputy Commissioner has recommended for grant of interest free loan in respect of the loss sustained by the victims. He has recommended that at least 25% of the loss sustained subject to